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D. USNATO 4239 E. STATE 170295

1. THE USG DOES NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE DRAFT FORMATS PROPOSED BY THE SGDS FOR SUBMISSION TO MC 224 CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR GENERAL/LONGER TERM MBFR ANALYSIS WHICH THE MBFR WG MAY WANT TO UNDERTAKE FOR NATO. WE ALSO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DUE TO THEIR EXTREMELY DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE NATURE THE DATA FORMATS DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO IMMEDIATE SPECIFIC DATA NEEDS OF THE AHG. FURTHER, WE HAVE RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER THE MC-224 CONFERENCE CAN EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH THE ENTIRE PACKAGE. IN GENERAL, WE SUPPORT THE UK COMMENTS AND EVALUATION OF THESE FORMATS AS CONTAINED IN REF B.

2. FYI. THE USG IS NOW DEVELOPING A COMPLETE DATA PACKAGE WHICH REPRESENTS OUR VIEW OF THE SPECIFIC AHG DATA NEEDS. UPON COMPLETION, WE WOULD COORDINATE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE UK, WHICH HAS STATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO INPUT TO THE IMS A DRAFT OF AN MBFR MCM AS CONCEIVED IN REF C. WE HOPE THAT THE UK INPUT WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE IMS THIS MONTH. THE MCM WOULD THEN BE CIRCULATED TO CAPITALS FOR APPROVAL. SUCH APPROVAL WOULD HOPEFULLY BE IN ADVANCE OF THE MC-224 CONFERENCE. BUT IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE DELEGATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE COULD RESOLVE ANY REMAINING PROBLEMS. AS INDICATED IN REF A. THIS DRAFT MCM WOULD BE DESIGNED TO MEET THE SPECIFIC CURRENT NEEDS OF THE AHG. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE GREAT ENTHUSIASM FOR THE DRAFT FORMATS, AND GREATLY FAVOR THE MCM SYSTEM, WE DO NOT VIEW THE TWO AS MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. THE MCM CAN BE HANDLED THROUGH THE UK AND IMS AND NEED NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE PROCESSING OF THE DRAFT FORMATS. FOR POLITICAL REASONS, WE BELIEVE IT DISADVANTAGEOUS TO FLATLY OPPOSE THE FORMATS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN SGDS, HOWEVER, WE VIEW THE MCM SYSTEM AS GREATLY SUPERIOR IN MEETING ABG DATA NEEDS AND BELIEVE THAT OVER TIME, THIS WILL BE EVIDENT TO THE MBFR WG. WE DO NOT WANT THE DRAFT FORMATS INTERMESHD WITH THE MBFR MCM; THE TWO SHOULD REMAIN SEPARATE. END FYI.

3. APPRECIATE YOUR REF D. COMMENTS WHICH ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE. KISSINGER

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